

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/632,270

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment 12/03/04 and interview 12/14/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-11 and 13-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 12/15/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

V. Nguyen 12/15/2004

VINCENT Q. NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner wondered if a typographical error occurred in claim 5 and would like to know which number (4 or 20) should be gone.

Generally in the remark filed 12/03/2004, Applicant argues that the prior art fails to teach a logic further configured to interpolate at least one other test result value corresponding to another test pair in the portion based upon a test result of at least one of the test pairs. However, such a limitation is not in claim 17.

Applicant agrees to add the limitation into claim 17 and amend claim 5 to delete number 4 but would like to confirm the amendment on the next day.

Applicant called back on December 15 and authorized examiner to amend the claims as discussed.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Ann I. Dennen on December 15, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract filed 12/03/2004, line 3, replace "comprising" with "including".

In claim 5 of the amendment filed 12/03/2004, line 1, delete "4".

In claim 17, the claim is amended as follows:

17. A device testing system, comprising:

automated testing equipment (ATE) interfaced to a device-under-test (DUT);

means for selecting a subset of a test set of test of test pairs for transmitting to the ATE for testing of the DUT;

means for testing the DUT with a portion of the subset of test pairs;

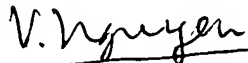
~~means for predicting the test results~~ and logic configured to interpolate at least one test result value of one other test pair in the portion for the test set of test pairs based upon a subset of test results obtained from testing a portion of the subset.

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent Q Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2234. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, N. Le can be reached on (571) 272-2233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 15, 2004

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